

What's New in the MPDC

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NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS REMAIN FULLY STAFFED DURING IMF/WORLD BANK EVENTS

Neighborhood patrols in all seven police districts remained fully staffed throughout the meetings and protests associated with the annual gathering of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group in downtown DC. "In planning for the IMF-World Bank event, the first thing we did was to fully staff our 83 Police Service Areas, and then assign our remaining resources," Chief Ramsey said. The officers who patrolled the PSAs this past weekend may not be the same officers normally assigned to that PSA. Many PSA officers are members of specially trained Civil Disturbance Units and were assigned to their CDU platoons during the IMF-World Bank event. However, the Department filled their regular PSA assignments with other MPDC officers. Full coverage of PSA patrols was possible because all 3,650 sworn officers were working extended, 12-hour shifts throughout the weekend. All officers' leave and days off was canceled throughout the weekend. In addition, approximately two dozen other law enforcement agencies from throughout the region and across the country provided as many as 1,700 officers to assist with crowd management around the IMF and World Bank buildings. Their assistance around the meeting site allowed the MPDC to free up more of its own officers for neighborhood patrols. Read the complete news release at:

As of midday on Friday, September 27, the MPDC had arrested more than 500 individuals for offenses involving blocking intersections and disrupting traffic, all part of a so-called "People's Strike" designed to shut down Washington, DC. Some demonstrators had caused minor property damage in the downtown area.

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MPDC LOOKS TO EXPAND SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT

Encouraged by the dramatic reductions in speeding achieved during the first year of its photo radar program, the MPDC is looking to expand automated speeding enforcement through more photo radar vehicles and the implementation of new "speed-on-green" technology. In August 2002, only about 9 percent of the vehicles monitored by the five current photo radar vehicles were speeding above the program's threshold. By contrast, the percentage of aggressive speeders was more than 25 percent in August 2001 and nearly 31 percent during the July 2001 warning period. Now, the MPDC is looking to double the number of photo radar vehicles to 10, to help meet the tremendous community demand for greater speeding enforcement in their neighborhoods. In addition, the MPDC is preparing to implement a new technology call "speed on green." It uses the existing red-light cameras to ticket violators who speed aggressively through the green light at camera-equipped intersections. The MPDC has been collecting speed-on-green data at various high-risk intersections around DC, and hopes to implement the technology at two intersections before the end of the year. For more information about photo radar in DC, including data on reductions in speeding, click on:

The MPDC also plans to implement its first "fixed pole" photo radar installation, adjacent to Gallaudet

mpdc.dc.gov/info/traffic/speed.shtm

McGUIRE NAMED NEW COMMANDER OF 1D

Thomas McGuire has been promoted by Chief Ramsey as the new commander of the First Police District. McGuire replaces former Commander Alan Dreher, who was recently tapped as the top assistant chief in the Atlanta Police Department, now headed by former MPDC Assistant Chief Richard Pennington. McGuire is a 23-year veteran of the MPDC, having served in a variety of assignments throughout his career. He most recently served as commanding officer of the Violent Crimes Branch, the centralized unit that investigates all homicides and serious shootings in the District. Recent supervisory assignments have also included Major Narcotics, Criminal Investigations and Special Investigations. McGuire is a graduate of the George Washington University School of Management, Center for Excellence in Municipal

The First District is a diverse mix of residential neighborhoods, and business and governmental centers. It includes Capitol Hill, the White House, major monuments, Chinatown and the Southwest waterfront. Learn more about 1D and community policing activities there by going to:

mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/1st/main.shtm

Chief Ramsey has named Captain Michael Anzallo as the new commanding officer of the Violent Crime Branch.

Management. Read more about the new commander's background at:

mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/1st/commander.shtm

MPDC INSPECTOR WINS PRESTIGIOUS CAFRITZ AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

MPDC Inspector Josh Ederheimer is a recipient of the prestigious 2002 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Award for Distinguished DC Government Employees, award organizers have announced. As head of the Department's Force Investigation Team, and more recently as commanding officer of the new Civil Rights & Force Investigation Division, Ederheimer has been instrumental in helping to reform use-of-force policies and procedures in the MPDC. Using innovative techniques, such as having team members attend civil rights rallies and visit assembly lines, Ederheimer helped to build a high-achieving team that has helped to transform the MPDC into one of the nation's more progressive agencies when it comes to civil rights and use-of-force issues. Ederheimer is one of five DC government officials who will receive Cafritz Awards, which carry a \$7,500 cash award, during a ceremony October 9 at the World Bank's Preston Auditorium. Read more about Ederheimer's innovations and award at:

Two other MPDC members will be recognized as finalists in this year's Cafritz Awards competition: Detective Robert Pristoop of the Intelligence Section and Officer Ernest Waters of the First District.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chief Ramsey takes your phone calls and e-mails during his monthly "Ask the Chief" program on WTOP radio on Thursday, October 3, from 10-11 am. Submit your questions ahead of time at: **www.wtop.com**

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